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## Fencing Project on the Goosenest Ranger District to Improve Deer and Elk Habitat Now Underway

**Yreka, CA** – Forest visitors have been asking about a 6 foot high fence that can be seen from FS roads 46N03Y and 47N05 near Chandler Glade on the Goosenest Ranger District. The fence is designed to temporarily protect aspen and meadow stands to improve big game habitat.

The Black Rock project is a combined effort by the Klamath National Forest, Siskiyou Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) and the California Deer Association (CDA). With almost a century of fire suppression efforts, conifers, predominately white fir/red fir trees, have grown up in the Black Rock area diminishing the aspen population and meadow habitat. The conifers form a dense forest canopy, reduce the sun light needed for the aspen to grow and thrive and out-compete the aspen and other meadow species. The conifer forest does not provide adequate forage for big game to browse on.

The RAC contributed funds to assist in the restoration of aspen. The funds were used to purchase fencing and fence materials to cordon off the area. The competing conifers were removed to encourage the right conditions for aspen to grow and thrive. The fence excludes elk and deer from foraging this area while the small plants take hold and grow. In 3-5 years the fence will be removed to allow foraging by wildlife and cattle. The fence is approximately 6 feet high and can be seen from FS roads 46N03Y and 47N05 near Chandler Glade. Other such fences are in the planning stages by Goosenest Wildlife Biologists and Range Managers. The labor to build the fences has been supplied by local Goosenest employees and the Northern California Resource Center.

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